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1. SUMMARY: NATIONAL AIRLINES MEETING MAY 9 WITH
ESPEROU WENT WELL AND LATTER WILL SUBMIT REPORT TO
MINISTER FOR DECISION END THIS WEEK OR EARLY NEXT WEEK.
NATIONAL WANTS US INTERVENE WITH MINISTER BUT WE HAVE
SOME RESERVATIONS OVER MAKING EARLY DEMARCHE AND DEFER
TO DEPT.'S JUDGMENT. NOTWITHSTANDING A POSSIBLE BRITISH
CONNECTION, WE STILL THINK EARLY CAB ACTION ON TORONTO
WOULD BE HELPFUL. END SUMMARY

2. BROCK OF NATIONAL AIRLINES HAD WHAT HE DESCRIBED
AS "FAIRLY CORDIAL" MEETING MAY 9 WITH ESPEROU OF
DGAC. BROCK REASSURED ESPEROU ON NINETY-DAY
DURATION OF NATIONAL'S PRESENT AUTHORIZATION TO
OPERATE MIAMI-PARIS ROUTE, THOUGH MADE NO SECRET OF
FACT THAT NATIONAL HAD LONG ASPIRED TO HAVE THAT
ROUTE PERMANENTLY. BROCK PROVIDED ESPEROU REVISED
TRAFFIC PROJECTIONS FOR THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD
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NATIONAL WOULD OPERATE AND POINTED OUT THAT SINCE
27.5 PERCENT OF THIS TRAFFIC WAS ALREADY BOOKED
TRAFFIC PROJECTION WAS REALISTIC AND JUSTIFIED FOUR
FLIGHTS WEEKLY DURING THAT PERIOD. BROCK ALSO NOTED
THAT 60 PERCENT OF PASSENGERS HAVING ALREADY
RESERVED ON MIAMI-PARIS ROUTE PLANNED TERMINATE PARIS
OR STOP OVER FOR ONE OR TWO NIGHTS, INDICATING

THAT NATIONAL WOULD BE GENERATING MUCH NEW TRAFFIC.
BROCK SAID ESPEROU SEEMED SATISFIED BY THESE
EXPLANATIONS.

3. ESPEROU MADE VAGUE REFERENCE TO NUMBER OF US
CARRIERS THAT WOULD BE OPERATING IN TRANSATLANTIC
TRAFFIC. BROCK SAID HE ELECTED NOT TO DEBATE
THIS POINT AND MERELY NOTED THAT AIR FRANCE HAD
FILED NO OBJECTION WITH CAB CONCERNING NATIONAL'S
APPLICATION TO SERVE PARIS.

4. ESPEROU TOLD BROCK THAT HE CONSIDERED HE NOW
HAD ALL THE INFORMATION NEEDED FOR
PREPARATION OF HIS WRITTEN REPORT THAT HE WOULD
SUBMIT "TO THE MINISTER" AT END OF THIS WEEK OR
EARLY NEXT WEEK. HE SAID HE WOULD REPORT TO BROCK
NEXT WEEK ON WHERE THINGS STOOD. ESPEROU STRESSED
ON TWO OR THREE OCCASIONS THAT HIS REPORT WOULD GO
TO THE MINISTER, I.E., CAVAILLE. ESPEROU SAID
HE WAS UNABLE FORETELL WHEN MINISTER WOULD ACT.
BROCK STRESSED TO ESPEROU THAT THERE REMAINED ONLY
29 MORE WORKING DAYS IN FRANCE BEFORE PROPOSED
INAUGURATION OF NATIONAL'S SERVICE ON JUNE 22, AND
MUCH IN THE WAY OF PREPARATORY WORK REMAINED FOR

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NATIONAL TO CARRY OUT IN THE MEANTIME. EARLY
DECISION WAS THUS IMPERATIVE.

5. AFTER INFORMING US OF FOREGOING BROCK SAID
THAT NEXT STEP OF COURSE WOULD BE FOR EMBASSY TO
TALK TO THE MINISTER AND HE INQUIRED WHEN WE MIGHT
CONSIDER DOING THIS. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT NATIONAL
WOULD BE TALKING TO THE DEPT. ALONG THOSE LINES.
WE INFORMED HIM THAT ANY DECISION TO MAKE DEMARCHE
TO CAVAILLE ON NATIONAL'S BEHALF WOULD HAVE TO
COME FROM THE DEPT. AND WE STRESSED THAT WE WERE
KEEPING THE DEPT. CLOSELY INFORMED ON A
CURRENT BASIS. WE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT WE
HAD JUST MADE DEMARCHES END LAST WEEK TO DGAC AND
TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHICH MAY HAVE HELPED JOG
THINGS LOOSE A BIT, AND IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO AVOID
OVERKILL. DGAC AS WELL AS CAVAILLE MIGHT RESENT IT
IF WE WENT OVER DGAC'S HEAD AND SOUGHT TO INFLUENCE
CAVAILLE DIRECTLY WITH UNSEEMING HASTE. WE
WONDERED WHAT REACTION OF USG WOULD BE, FOR EXAMPLE,
IF FRENCH EMBASSY WERE TO INTERVENE TO INQUIRE
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WHY DOT SECRETARY OF CAB CHAIRMAN HAD NOT TAKEN
A DECISION ONLY A DAY OR TWO AFTER RECEIVING A
GIVEN DOSSIER. IN ANY EVENT, WE ADDED, WE WOULD BE
GUIDED BY DEPT.'S INSTRUCTIONS IN THE MATTER.

6. REF (A) WAS LARGELY RESPONSIVE TO REF (B),
WITH WHICH IT CROSSED. WE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE
BETTER FOR BROCK TO MAKE INQUIRY OF ESPEROU
ON A POSSIBLE BRITISH CONNECTION, BUT WE WERE
UNABLE TO CONTACT BROCK IN TIME PRIOR TO HIS MEETING.
WE ARE NOT SURE IT WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE NOW FOR US
TO QUERY ESPEROU DIRECTLY ON THE SUBJECT.
WHETHER OR NOT THE BRITISH CONNECTION DOES EXIST,
AND IF SO HOW STRONG IT IS IN DETERMINING THE
FRENCH POSITION, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE
THAT EARLIEST POSSIBLE CAB ACTION ON LONGER-TERM
EXTENSION OF AIR FRANCE AUTHORITY AT TORONTO WOULD
HAVE SALUTARY EFFECT ON GOF'S ATTITUDE VIS-A-VIS
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